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RULES.

Governing Boy's Baby Beef Clubs of Southwest Virginia.

1. All boys or girls between the ages of 8 and 21 years are eligible.

2. Spring Calves, either heifer or steer, dropped after March, 1915, will be used in this contest.

3. Calf must be weighed at the beginning of contest and at the ending of the contest by the county agent.

4. A daily record must be kept by the club member of the amount and kind of feed used. Where members have no scales they must use some measure agreed upon by the county agent.

5. The contest will begin officially February 15th, 1916, and will end at a time agreed upon by the State Specialist in Animal Husbandry.

6. Prizes will be awarded for

1. Greatest gain made by a calf.

2. Cheapest gain made by a calf.

3. Best calf, from butchers stand point.

4. Best kept record and written account of raising of calf.

The Wise county calves will probably be shown at the Wise County Fair or at such time and place in the county agreed upon by the men in charge of the work. The best calves shown at the County fair or shown in the county will be carried to the Roanoke fair, free of charge for the owner. (The Norfolk & Western Railway has practically agreed to carry these calves to and from Roanoke fair free of charge.) The Roanoke fair association has offered a minimum of \$125.00 to be distributed as prizes among the club members of the club from Southwest Virginia. They will probably give more than this amount.

Prizes will also be given to the Wise County club members when their calves are shown.

Let your boy or girl learn what good treatment and good blood mean in raising stock.

All boys or girls who want to join will please notify County Agent, J. C. Stiles, Wise, Va., at once. It costs you nothing to join, you have a chance to win a prize and it is certain that you will learn something that will be of great service to you even tho you do not win a prize.

J. C. STILES.

Ore Shipment From Middlesboro.

Middlesboro, Ky., Jan. 20.—An order has just been received by the Virginia Iron, Coal and Coke Company for six hundred tons of iron to be shipped from the Middlesboro furnaces to the Maxwell Motor Company at Detroit. The Middlesboro furnaces will not be blown in until about the first of February, as the plant will not be in shape before that time. They have had a large number of men working for the past six weeks repairing the plant and putting it into shape for blowing in and also loading out all the old pig iron that was stored on the yards prior to the plants closing in 1907.

American correspondence both to and from Great Britain will be censured hereafter, it was officially announced at London.

GOVERNMENT LIVESTOCK REPORT.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 21.—A summary of estimates of numbers and values of live stock on farms and ranges on January 1st, for Virginia and for the United States, compiled by the Bureau of Crop Estimates (and transmitted through the Weather Bureau), U. S. Department Agriculture, is as follows:

HORSES.

STATE:—Number, 361,000, compared with 451,000 a year ago and 440,000 five years ago. Value per head, \$29, compared with \$109 a year ago and \$110 five years ago.

UNITED STATES:—Number 21,200,000, compared with 21,195,000 a year ago and 20,277,000 five years ago. Value per head, \$101.60, compared with \$103.34 a year ago and \$111.46 five years ago.

MULES.

STATE:—Number, 61,000, compared with 62,000 a year ago and 61,000 five years ago. Value per head, \$120, compared with \$128 a year ago and \$130 five years ago.

UNITED STATES:—Number 4,500,000 compared with 4,479,000 a year ago and 4,323,000 five years ago. Value per head, \$113.87, compared with \$112.36 a year ago and \$125.92 five years ago.

MILCH COWS.

STATE:—Number, 359,000, compared with 349,000 a year ago and 355,000 five years ago. Value per head, \$41.50, compared with \$43.50 a year ago and \$2.00 five years ago.

UNITED STATES:—Number 22,000,000, compared with 21,202,000 a year ago and 20,823,000 five years ago. Value per head, \$53.90, compared with \$55.33 a year ago and \$39.97 five years ago.

OTHER CATTLE.

STATE:—Number, 440,000, compared with 450,000 a year ago and 503,000 five years ago. Value per head, \$25.20, compared with \$28.60 a year ago and \$20.40 five years ago.

UNITED STATES:—Number 39,500,000, compared with 37,097,000 a year ago and 39,579,000 five years ago. Value per head, \$33.49, compared with \$33.38 a year ago and \$20.54 five years ago.

SHEEP.

STATE:—Number, 734,000, compared with 720,000 a year ago and 805,000 five years ago. Value per head, \$1.90, compared with \$1.50 a year ago and \$1.32 five years ago.

UNITED STATES:—Number 19,200,000, compared with 19,956,000 a year ago and 53,633,000 five years ago. Value per head, \$5.17, compared with \$4.50 a year ago and \$3.91 five years ago.

SWINE.

STATE:—Number, 1,020,000, compared with 950,000 a year ago and 851,000 five years ago. Value per head, \$7.00, compared with \$7.50 a year ago and \$7.00 five years ago.

UNITED STATES:—Number 68,000,000, compared with 64,618,000 a year ago and 65,620,000 five years ago. Value per head, \$8.40, compared with \$9.87 a year ago and \$9.37 five years ago.

Hopewell Workmen to go to Kingsport.

The great Federal Dye Works of the DuPonts at Kingsport will comprise twelve units of twelve buildings each, when present building operations are completed, according to a local merchant largely interested in Kingsport.

The latest move of the DuPont Company is to transfer several hundred workmen from the munition plants of Hopewell to the dye works at Kingsport, as it was found impossible to keep the force of workers up to the required number by local recruiting.

There is a well-founded rumor that a large cotton manufacturing plant will be founded at Kingsport in the near future.—Roanoke Times.

Educational Conference.

The Joint Educational Conference for the Sixth and Ninth Congressional Districts and Carroll and Grayson Counties will be held at the Radford Normal March 2-4. This date has been fixed by Prof. R. T. Stephenson, of Abingdon, President of the Ninth District Teachers' Association, and Prof. W. M. Black, of Lynchburg, President of the Sixth District Teachers' Association. The territory served by this Conference includes twenty-two counties of Southwest Virginia and the four cities of Lynchburg, Roanoke, Radford and Bristol. All grades of institutions from the one room school to the college and university will be represented. All teachers, Trustees, and Superintendents are urged to be present.

The program will be ready for distribution at an early date. Reduced railroad rates will be offered.

Seeks Back Pay For Hoge's Descendants.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 18.—A very interesting bill, which has been introduced by Congress C. Bascom Slem, provides that the United States shall pay to the heirs of former Congressman Daniel H. Hoge, of Montgomery county, \$10,000 salary and mileage, for his services as a Congressman from 1865 to 1867.

The United States Congress at that time refused to allow Hoge to take his seat on the ground that Virginia had seceded and was no longer a part of the union.

Mr. Slem contends that Hoge should have been admitted, in as much as it has been held since the war that Virginia never was out of the union at all, but only attempted to get out. He claims that the union has never been broken.

S. Harris Hoge, a son of Daniel H. Hoge, is living in Roanoke now, and he has other relatives scattered all over the counties of Southwest Virginia.

"In my judgment, this is a very worthy case, I hope Congress will take that view of the question," said Mr. Slem to day in speaking of his bill.

"The circumstances of Hoge's being sent to Congress are quite interesting. The last member of the United States Congress before the war from Southwest Virginia, which at that time took in the present Ninth district and some counties to the eastward, was Elbert S. Martin, of Lee county, who served from 1859 to 1861. There was no representative from Virginia from that time until 1869, when James K. Gibson, of Washington county, was elected and took his seat. Walter Preston, of Washington county, was elected to the Confederate Congress from that district from 1861 to 1863, and Fayette McMullen, from 1863 to 1865. It is curious to note that McMullen had served four terms in the United States Congress, from 1849 to 1857.

State of Ohio, City of Toledo, I, Frank J. Cheney, declare that I am a senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every copy of the book entitled "The Life of Daniel H. Hoge" by the use of HALL'S CATARHUS, and I swear to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1915.

A. W. GLEASON, Notary Public, and acts directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Send for testimonials, free. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by all Druggists, etc. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Radford Normal Notes.

The Roanoke Quartet of mixed voices containing some of the best singers in Roanoke, under the direction of Mrs. John Trout, will give an entertainment at the Normal School at an early date, under the auspices of the Normal School Music Club. The interest in music in the Normal School is quite marked. In addition to the Public School Music a large number of students take voice culture, piano, and violin.

The Rural and Village Young Men's Christian Association work in Southwest Virginia, is now in its third year. This work is organized in High Schools and industrial towns and communities. In a number of the High Schools young women have been organized for the work. The Secretary, Mr. W. C. McCarty, has his headquarters at the Normal School.

Plans are being made for the Summer Normal which will open June 12. This Summer Normal is under the direction of the Department of Public instruction and is organized primarily for the special preparation and training of teachers for the public schools opening next fall.

The date of the Joint Educational Conference for the Sixth and Ninth Congressional Districts has been fixed for March 2-4. A large number of the leading educators of the State and two representatives of the National Bureau of Education at Washington will have places on the program. This meeting is under the direction of Prof. R. T. Stephenson, of Abingdon, President of the Ninth District Teachers' Association, and Prof. W. M. Black, President of the Sixth District Teachers' Association. This is the third Joint Educational Conference for Southwest Virginia held at the Normal School. All grades of teachers, Division Superintendents, school Trustees and citizens interested in education are cordially invited to be present and participate in the discussions. The program will soon be ready for distribution.

Lee County Boy Dies From Injuries.

Bristol, Va., Jan. 22.—Dan W. Hughes, age 19, died at St. Luke's Hospital here yesterday morning from injuries he received in the Virginia Lee Mines at St. Charles, Va., Thursday afternoon.

The young man was operating an electric locomotive in the mines when it jumped the track, his body being caught between it and the wall of the mine. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. John P. Hugh, of St. Charles.

Given Eighteen Years in Prison.

Gate City, Va., Jan. 21.—W. R. Beavers, who on the 31st of March is alleged to have shot Lee Saunders near Wood, was today convicted and sentenced to eighteen years in the penitentiary. Some of the jurymen, it is learned, favored imposing the death penalty. Beavers is 45 years of age.

This is the only criminal case tried thus far at this term. A large part of the criminal docket will have to go over till the next term of court.

Highland Park.

We have just closed a weeks revival at Ayer's Chapel. Held by Rev. Barker, of Rogersville, Tenn., and assisted by Rev. William Robinette, of Cadet, Va., of M. E. Church South. Mr. Robinette delivered a series of sermons. Rev. Robinette is one among the ablest preachers we have had at this place in the past years. We hope we will be able to have Rev. Robinette with us again soon. Rev. Robinette had a large attendance. We hope he will hold another revival in the future.

Hundred Year Old Nursery Great Factor In Modern Horticulture.

Louisiana, Mo., Jan. 21.—In commenting recently on the election of Lloyd C. Stark, vice president of Stark Bros. Nurseries & Orchards Co., to the presidency of the Western Association of Nurserymen, the St. Louis REPUBLICAN said:

"This adds additional interest to the fact that this great Missouri enterprise is just ready to begin the celebration of its one hundredth anniversary, a century of progress and growth on the site of the original nursery. From a few Pike county acres it has developed into the largest concern of its kind in the United States."

For any business to have lived 100 years is a noteworthy accomplishment. To have lived 100 years and been a constant factor in the increased production of more and better fruits for the family is even more noteworthy.

Stark Bros. are pioneers in encouraging the planting of more fruit for the good of the public, rather than individuals, and not from purely commercial motives. Due to an awakening of the value and importance of fruit if only "a little backyard orchard," home-builders today figure on a few trees when the house plans are drawn instead of making no provision for them whatever, as was formerly the case. It used to be that the town and city resident had a mistaken idea about how much space it required to plant and grow a few trees and bush fruits. It is really surprising what one can do with the new varieties of trees on a few feet of ground. This couple with the fact that the consumption of raw fruit in the past few years has greatly increased is directly responsible for the planting of three home orchards where only one was planted before. A new meaning and a new interest is now attached to that ancient admonition: "Be stickin' in a tree Jack, it will grow while ye're sleepin'."

The pure food experts have said that the children of the country must have all the apples they can eat if they are to be perfectly healthy. The little home orchards of only a few trees will come nearer supplying this want than the commercial orchards whose crops go to the fruit stands where the prices are prohibitive to many or are exported to foreign lands. Although never planted for profit even the smallest of the back yard plantings will produce more than one family can use, allowing a surplus for sale to neighbors.

It has remained for Stark Bros. to spend over \$250,000.00 in advertising an apple—Stark Delicious—and \$100,000.00 in advertising another—Blaek Ben. Other trade-mark fruits introduced by this nursery are Stark King Davis, Champion and Senator apples. Gold plum, Gold cherry and Gold Nugget pear.

Mines Abandoned 1,000 Years Opened.

London, Jan. 21.—Germany's campaign in Egypt is meeting with obstacles, it is announced here, due to the lack of coal to operate the railroad which Germans have constructed southward through Syria to the edge of the desert approaching Suez canal. The absence of coal prevents the actual opening of the road to transportation.

This lack of coal has led the Germans to reopen the old Turkish mines in Syria used by the Romans, but abandoned by them a thousand years ago. A large force of Turkish laborers is working the mines.

NOTICE.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Virginia Coal and Iron Company, will be held at the Fleischman House, Alexandria, Virginia, Wednesday, February 16th, 1916, at twelve o'clock noon, for the purpose of hearing annual reports, electing a Board of Directors, and transacting such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

W. C. KENT, SECRETARY.

How To Kill Your Home Town.

Do you want to know how to kill the town you live in—kill it dead?

Here's the recipe—Buy everything you need out of town. Don't let a dollar stay here more than thirty minutes; chase it over to some other town.

That will soon close up the stores and factories and make their employes jobless. It will render business buildings vacant and depreciate all real estate.

It will leave the doctors, lawyers and professional men without anyone to work on.

It will cut down the city's revenue—no money for improvements.

Grass will grow in the streets—and moss will cover the doorways of our stores.

Just buy all your goods away from home—that's the way to kill the town.

If you want to just halfway kill it, buy just half your goods away from home. But—if you want to make this the liveliest burg in the State, just buy everything you need here.

Buy at home—make this a live town.

Carthage Woman Tells Happy Story.

Mrs. Laura Duke of Carthage, Tenn., was a victim of stomach disorders for several years. She lost appetite and her weight fell off. She could not rest at night.

She took Mayr's Wonderful Remedy—just a few doses—and found herself restored.

In fact, Mrs. Duke's recovery was so rapid she was afraid that it could be only temporary. So she waited from September, when she took the remedy, until the following February to pass judgment. Then she wrote:

"I write you in regard to your wonderful stomach remedy that I took last September. I feel better than I have in five years."

"My weight was 127 pounds; now it is 147, and I can eat anything I want. I sleep well at night. I would have written before, but I wanted to see how I got along."

Mayr's Wonderful Remedy gives permanent results for stomach, liver and intestinal ailments. Eat as much and whatever you like. No more distress after eating, pressure of gas in the stomach and around the heart. Get one bottle of your druggist now and try it on an absolute guarantee—if not satisfactory money will be returned.—adv.

NOTICE.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of Interstate Railroad Company will be held at the Fleischman House, Alexandria, Virginia, Wednesday, February 16th, 1916, at 12:30 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of hearing annual report, electing a Board of Directors and transacting such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

H. B. PRICE, SECRETARY.

With interest we note that "Bill" Eads will resume publication of the Wise County News about February 1st, his health having improved to such an extent that it will permit him to take up the editorial reins again. "Bill" is justly renowned among his brethren of the fourth estate in this part of Virginia for his bright shrewd observations on current events and the News will receive a cordial welcome back to its old haunts on the exchange table.—Roanoke Times.

Miss Rose Bruce, of Big Stone Gap, has arrived in town to take charge of the Singer Sewing Machine Co's office.—Norton Reporter.